

For Municipalities With a Publicly Owned Coastal Marine Infrastructure

Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP) & Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG)

The goals of the SHIP and BIG programs are to:

- promote economic development,
- improve marine infrastructure and
 - improve public access.

You will be notified about the success of your proposal in June 2006

Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP)

SHIP has \$700,000 in funds that were made available last year by the Maine Legislature and approved by Maine voters in November 2005. It is designed for municipalities with a project for a public wharf, landing or boat ramp, such as a re-decking, float replacement or installation of a new gangway. There is a \$150,000 limit per request and each request requires a local match of at least 25%. (ie – if your request is \$150,000 your local match must be at least \$50,000) In-kind contributions will not be counted toward the local match. However, every additional percentage by which the local match exceeds 25% adds to the competitive score for the project.

Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIG)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife provides \$100,000 annually to Maine under the BIG program. This program is designed for smaller projects for improvements to facilities that accommodate transient, recreational, non-trailerable boats more than 26 feet long. Previous BIG awards were given for piling replacements, float replacements and the construction and installation of moorings. Under this program, larger projects (more than \$100,000) are also eligible for a national competition for funding. Please indicate in your letter if you think your project is eligible for BIG as well as SHIP funding.

See other side for eligibility and scoring requirements

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Deadline: April 7, 2006
Project Eligibility and Scoring

Please send us an application in the form of a separate letter from the municipality that provides the following information:

- Name of Municipality
- Contact Person
- Phone
- Is your municipality is applying for: SHIP ? BIG ? BOTH?
- Name of Project

Please answer these questions:

1. How does it improve marine transportation at one of Maine's smaller ports?
2. Explain its potential to create and/or retain jobs or productivity
3. Is it an improvement to a public coastal marine facility?
4. Does it meet or exceed all applicable environmental standards requirements?
5. Explain how it improves public access
6. How much is your cash match? At least 25%? Overmatch?
7. How does the municipality plan to maintain the project in working condition for 20 years?

Please provide supporting documentation that includes cost estimates, photos and location maps.

MaineDOT SHIP/BIG SAMPLE SCORING

Use the information below to guide your application letter

Economics/Productivity

_____ 5 pts _____ 10 pts _____ 15 pts _____ 20 pts _____ 25 pts _____

For example: A pier rehab would score more points than other more routine projects due to the permanent improvements it would generate and economic impact it would create.

Completeness/Preparation

_____ 5 pts _____ 10 pts _____ 15 pts _____ 20 pts _____ 25 pts _____

This refers to the ability of the city/town to complete the project in a timely, cooperative manner. It also refers to the amount of thought and work that has been put into the application and the project. Five bonus points will be given to municipalities with a comprehensive plan addressing waterfront issues.

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